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The Mouse Catcher

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All the mice in the world seem to dwell in the house of Farmer Al Falfa. So reckless are the rodents, that they spend their time holding parties in the room. The dance craze has a hold on them and the noise of their music provokes Al. He baits a wire cage mouse trap and places it before a mouse hole. Then, the Farmer squats down behind a door to await results. Several daring mice run out and kick and tease Al. While this is going on, two mice come out of a hole carrying a fork. One climbs atop the mouse trap and, taking the fork, spears the cheese bait. This act infuriates Al and he jumps at the trap, but the rodent robbers escape. Al smashes the trap in his anger and paces the floor. Now, Henry Cat is out motoring in his sport car and Al sees him. He calls "Huntingdon" and the cat acknowledges the call. When Henry drives up the house, Al tells him that he is over-run with mice. Henry hands Al his card reading, "Champion Mouse Catcher Of Two Countries". Al is satisfied with the credential and he takes Henry inside. The Cat begins to play a flute, after the fashion of the Pied Piper of Hamelin but the mice only jeer at him. Al sees that the music will not charm the mice so he says, "I'll go in and scare them out." When the mice run out Henry tries to club them but misses. However, he fails to see Farmer Al coming out of a hole and hits him on the head. Maddier, than ever, Al promptly throws Henry out of the house. The resourceful Cat gets an idea upon seeing Fido Dog driving a "vacuum Cleaner" auto.

Henry runs back into the house. Fido starts the vacuum machine going and Henry places the nozzle near the mouse holes. Quicker than a flash the mice are sucked into the sweeper. Inside the walls a gay party of mice are at a cabaret but their frivolity is short-lived as they are sucked into the cleaner. Even the house furniture is drawn into the machine. After getting all the mice downstairs, Henry goes up. Farmer Al is sitting before his mirror brushing his hair. Just as he finishes and puts on his hat, Henry comes into the room. The vacuum cleaner pulls the hat off Al's head and all the furniture from the room. Even Al himself is drawn into the machine. And Henry Cat follows him. All the mice, furniture, and Al and Henry are blown skyward and then come back to earth. Farmer Al is inclined to be peeved but Henry says, "Well, we got rid of the mice, anyway." But the mice are blown skyward too and they fall down in showers upon Al and Henry. The rodents pursue the pair and Al moralizes to Henry: "Never start anything you can't finish."

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